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Dear Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,

I hope this email finds you well.

As a lifelong resident of Watsonville, and now Trustee who represents the schools I and some of us attended, I am writing to respectfully request that you consider placing a resolution in support of Senate Bill 48 (SB 48) on the agenda for your next meeting. SB 48, introduced by Senate Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez (D-33), aims to shield California schools from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity.

This bill proposes a one-mile safe zone around schools and stricter safeguards against using school data for deportation efforts.

As a trustee, I have seen firsthand the impact that fear and uncertainty can have on our students and their families. In my trustee area alone, I have many elementary school students who come from Central America, South America, and even the Middle East. These students, along with their families, deserve to feel safe and protected within our school communities.

By supporting SB 48, our county can reaffirm its commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all residents.

I believe that adopting a resolution in support of SB 48 would be a powerful statement of our county's values and a testament to its dedication to protecting the rights and dignity of all community members.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Daniel Dodge Jr. PVUSD Trustee, Area 4